

and fix all salaries and shall annually file with the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City, not later than May first of each year, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year, indicating in detail the necessary expenses thereof, and the said Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City shall be empowered to levy, collect and disburse upon the order of said commission, shall make all necessary rules and regulations governing said police department and relating to the requirements of applicants for positions in said department, which said rules and regulations shall be printed and made available for public inspection.

Regulating selection of police officers in Elizabeth City.

SEC. 6. That all applicants for positions in the Police Department of Elizabeth City shall be subject to an examination by said commission, which shall be competitive and free to all persons possessing the right of suffrage, and meeting all requirements prescribed by said commission, subject to reasonable and proper limitations as to residence, age, health and moral character, and such additional requirements as said commission shall prescribe. That the employees of said department shall be obtained from the list of those who have successfully passed said examinations, except that in time of war or other national emergency said commission shall obtain its employees from any source available. That the chief of police may or may not be an employee of said department, in the discretion of the commission. That upon said examination proper credit shall be given for fire or police experience in Elizabeth City or elsewhere, and for service in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Merchant Marines. That notice of said examination shall be properly given. That said commission shall keep a permanent record of all persons successfully passing such examination and the grade of each.

Promotions to be made by Chief with approval of Commission.

SEC. 7. That all promotions in the police department shall be made by its chief, by and with the approval of said commission. That in the event of disagreement, the ruling of the commission by a majority vote shall be final. That from and after the effective date of this Act the employment and continued service of all employees of the Elizabeth City Police Department shall be at the discretion of said commission.

Prohibiting political activities by members of Police Department.

SEC. 8. That no chief, officer or employee of the Elizabeth City Police Department shall participate or take any part in any election, primary or any political contest in any manner, other than that of exercising his or her right as a citizen to vote, and any chief, officer or employee of said department who shall violate this provision shall be dismissed from service in said department. The members of said department shall not make any donations to any political party, faction or cause under penalty of dismissal. That said commission may discharge, suspend or fire the chief or any officer or employee of said de-